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In the last issue this column reported the wrong week-end dates for CAPEX '96. The correct dates are June 8 & 9 and June 15-16, 1996. Please check the dates and days if you are planning to attend.

Membership has increased by three since the last issue. One of the two previously reported as not renewing came in a bit late and has also paid for next year. In addition, we welcome our two newest members:

David Squarzolo, 891 Attlee Avenue, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada P3A 3H7

- Collects Entire Elizabethan II period.

Robin Mowat, 790 Cuaulta Cr., Victoria, BC, Canada V9C 3H3

- Collects Entire Elizabethan II period.

Bill McCann reports Unitrade is now scheduling his new Booklet Catalogue to be available by CAPEX. Because of the delay, he is busy making revisions so that the catalogue will be as current as possible.

In the U. S. the leading photocopy service company is known as Kinko's. Their standard policy has been their equipment may not be used to make a copy of stamps in color. No discussion - the answer was no! Recently, as a result of APS personnel working with Kinko's legal department in clarifying the application of U. S. Government restrictions, Kinko has modified their policy to permit color photocopies of stamps. You may wish to test the current practice in your area. For a more detailed discussion of the actual requirement see the February 1996 issue of the American Philatelist or Linn's Stamp News of February 12, 1996.

For those of you plugged into Internet you may now visit the new home page of BNAPS. It may be reached at <http://www.COMPUSMART.ab.ca/bnaps.htm> on the World Wide Web. The home page serves as a general source for current information about the society and its activities.

The bi-weekly *Canadian Stamp News* endeavors to cover worldwide philatelic news with major emphasis on Canadian philately. Over the years CSN, in my view, has steadily improved and is doing an excellent job. For example, the February 6 issue has several articles of interest: a profile of Kenneth Rowe, one of only three Canadians to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists; a review of Joseph Monteiro's books on contemporary Canadian stamps; and a new column by Bill Pekonen labeled *Pacific Dispatch* covering what is going on in Western Canada and NW United States (for sure a winner for us in the West). Ian Robertson



(Example of porelon ink cancellation. Also, bleeds through envelope.)



has a detailed report on the messy porelon-ink cancels which we reported in the last issue. A Canada wide Show and Bourse schedule is updated in every issue; plus much more. If you have not looked at CSN lately their address is: 103 Lakeshore Rd., Suite 202, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, L2N 2T6.

The second Great Western Stamp Show was held at the Richmond Inn in Richmond, BC on Feb. 16-18, 1996. This was not a show in the sense of exhibits, seminars and youth activities. Rather, it was a large dealer bourse with some 30 dealers in attendance - from New Brunswick, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Saskatoon, Edmonton and down town Vancouver. The two days I attended (Friday & Saturday) the crowds were excellent. This was in spite of Friday being a beautiful almost spring day. It seems certain this show is destined to become an annual event. As has become my practice, certain acquisitions obtained at the show appear in this issue - in particular see Section IX.

Exactly one year ago, in Vol. III, No. 4, Elmore Von Hagen started what has turned out to be a truly fun project with an initial report of varieties on #723 (50¢ Prairie Town Street Scene) and in particular what he called the "Black Sweater" variety. Since then we have had many further reportings on #723 varieties, the Black Sweater & more recently the "dot or dent on the bumper." Many of our members joined in the fun and have participated in these reports. In this issue Robin Harris pulls it altogether including the latest findings, location of the constant errors, an analysis of their relative scarcity and a suggested value range. For sure those of us who have been involved in these reports have received an additional far greater value called - loads of fun! Thanks Elmore! Thanks Robin!

The mid-year's treasurers report appears on page 60. It has been expanded in order to more properly match income and expense items. A substantial portion of the research Reserve Fund is now invested in an interest bearing certificate of deposit. No dues increase is foreseen for next year.

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# STATEMENT OF INCOME/EXPENSE

First Half FY 7/1/95 - 6/30/96

as of Dec. 31, 1995

by: Eppe Bosch, Treasurer

Gross amount received	\$1 577.09
Less: Exchange losses	<u>245.99</u>
Total receipts - US \$	<u>1 331.10</u>
Add: Due from BNAPS:	
Memberships	<u>9.00</u>
Stipend	<u>52.50</u>
Total Income	1 392.60
Less: Paid in Advance	<u>46.00</u>
Net Income - FY 95/6	<u>1 346.60</u>
Less: Research Reserve Fund	
Current year dues	<u>90.00</u>
Current year contributions	<u>332.00</u>
Net Operating Income - FY 95/6	\$ 924.60
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Income:	
Membership Dues	776.20
Advertising	70.40
Back Issues	33.00
Refund Study Group Exhibit fees	10.00
Operating Fund contributions	<u>35.00</u>
Net Operating Income	924.60

Less Expenses:	
Photocopy expenses	275.96
Postage	201.84
Supplies	44.18
Telephone	-
Study Group Exhibit Fees	<u>21.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>542.98</u>
FY 1995/6 Operating Fund Balance	\$ 381.62
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## RESEARCH RESERVE FUND

Balance June 30, 1995	\$ 868.79
Additions through 12/31/95	422.00
Interest through 12/31/95	<u>22.57</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 1995	\$1,313.36
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Funds held:	
Cash	290.79
Certificate of Deposit	<u>1,022.57</u>
	\$1,313.36
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**RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCES WITH CASH ON HAND**  
**as of Dec. 31, 1995**  
**by: Eppe Bosch, Treasurer**

Bank Balance as of Dec. 31, 1995 \$ 600.27

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**Consists of:**

Research Reserve Fund Cash Balance	\$ 290.79
Dues Paid in Advance - (Future Period Income)	46.00
Operating Fund Balance (Note A)	<u>263.48</u>
	\$ 600.27
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**Note A:**

Net Operating Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 1995	\$ 381.62
Prior periods cumulative deficit and timing differences	<u>(118.14)</u>
Current Operating Fund Cash Balance	\$ 263.48
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**FORECAST BALANCE OF FY 95/6**  
**as of June 30, 1996**

	FY 95/6 <u>Opr. Fund</u>	Cash on <u>Hand</u>
Balance 12/31/95	\$ 381.62	\$ 263.48
From BNAPS	52.50	114.00
From ESG operations	150.00	200.00
Applicable - future period income		(50.00)
Results of Joint Centennial/ESG Auction	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Totals	 \$ 584.00	 \$ 527.00
 Less est. expenses thru June 30, 1996	 <u>550.00</u>	 <u>550.00</u>
 Estimated Balances as of June 30, 1996	 <u>\$ 34.00</u>	 <u>\$ (23.00)</u>

All exchange losses, as incurred, are charged against membership dues. As a result all other elements of income (advertising, copy sales, etc.) are stated at full value as are additions to the Research Reserve Fund.

No interest is received on the checking account and no bank charges are incurred. An interest bearing \$1000 Certificate of Deposit is now the major component of the Research Reserve Fund.

The stipend received from BNAPS is paid on an annual calendar basis. For Study Group reporting the stipend is accrued on a fiscal year basis. As of the end of the fiscal year payment of the stipend for the last half year will not be received until after the end of the calendar year. Were the stipend paid currently, the estimated cash balance at June 30, 1996 would also be positive.

Based on the forecast results for the year no increase in dues is planned.

If there are any questions on the above report please write me at: E. 618 Second Ave., Spokane, WA 99202.



## SECTION II - KARSH, WILDING AND CAMEO DEFINITIVE ISSUES

Shown is a continuation of representative covers from the high value definitives (7¢ Jet Plane and 15¢ Canada Geese) of the Cameo time period.

Ottawa, Ont. June 7, 1964 to Zurich, Switzerland using two 7¢ Jet Plane to pay the 15¢ one oz. air mail rate. The 7¢ had a very short life (issued March 11, 1964) as it was overprinted 8¢ on July 16, 1964.



Registered Niagara Falls, Ont. 22 April 65 using ten 7¢ Jet Plane to Minneapolis, MN - 71¢.

Paying registration fee of 45¢ for indemnity up to \$50.00 plus first ounce first class at 8¢ and an additional 18¢ for three additional ounces at 6¢ per ounce.



SECTION II - CONT.

Vancouver, BC 10 April 65 to Yorkshire, England - 40¢  
 Paying one ounce airmail 15¢ and 25¢ Special Delivery Fee  
 with Birmingham 12 AP 65 registered receiving stamp.



Preston, Ontario 12 IX 66 to London, Ontario registered - 41¢.  
 Business reply envelope prepaid 6¢ for one ounce and 35¢ for  
 registration for indemnity up to \$50.00.





## ELIZABETHAN MARKET REPORT

by: Dean Mario

Now that CAPEX '96 is just around the corner it seems that the market is getting stronger and more desirable material is coming onto the auction block. The November 21-22, 1995 sales of R. Maresch and Son once again offered the collector a delightful selection of material for his collection. The catalogue, in keeping with the recent practice of providing colour plates for bidders to examine, was beautifully produced and an excellent addition for the library. Let us examine a few of the choice lots offered.

Lot 783 contained two of the 1969 Christmas plate proof imperf pairs (one of each value). Although the 5¢ pair had a faulty stamp on the right, the set realized \$412.50 against an estimate of \$500+ (prices include the 10% buyer's premium). Another wonderful imperforate error followed with lot 784 offering an imperf block of ten of the 1973 15¢ R.C.M.P. Musical Ride. Estimated at \$1 500, the block reached \$907.50.

Most members are aware that modern mint material often sells less than face value. Those looking for a bargain on postage were pleased with the results of the next four lots. Lot 785 found matched sets of the 1975 Olympic Sculptures and the 1976 Olympic Sites \$1 and \$2 values for sale and estimated at the Unitrade Canada Specialized Catalogue value of \$720. The lot sold for \$71.50 (face \$192)! Lot 786 contained several of the 1970's Ships series complete in four values with fifty matched sets of each with an estimate of \$840 (face \$352). The lot went to a new home for \$209. The following Ship lot in sheets of fifty (lot 787) with a face value of \$929 and an estimate of \$1799 (Unitrade \$3070), reached \$577.50. The 1977 25¢ Silver Jubilee issue in lot 788 was estimated at \$2997. It contained 109 complete sheets with a face value of \$1362.50. A bidder paid \$990 and took the lot home! These four lots all sold for very reasonable prices and between 37% and 73% of face.

Lot 789 offered a block of ten of the 1979 \$1 Fundy with its lettering only partially printed. Estimated at \$400+, the block sold for \$440. Four similar lots of the 1989 39¢ Flag and the 1990 39¢ Queen in imperf blocks of four were sold in lots 794-797. All were estimated at \$1000+ each and all realized \$742.50 each. Two imperf blocks of four of the 1990 45¢ Pronghorn were sold in lots 798-799. The former was estimated at \$1000+ and realized \$962.50 and the latter, because of a near-negligible gum bend in the margin, was estimated at \$800+ and reached \$907.50. Two similar blocks of the 1990 78¢ Beluga Whale were offered in lots 800-801. Lot 800 (with a minute wrinkle in one stamp) was estimated at \$1000+ and sold for \$1155, and the other imperf block in lot 801 with a similar estimate went for \$1045.

The 1989 38¢ Regiments issue is still very popular with bidders. A UR plate block was found in lot 802 with an estimate of Unitrade's value of \$300. It sold for \$159.50. Another mint block (LL) followed in lot 803 with the same estimate and reached \$148.50. A FDC of the issue (UR) with plate block and estimated at \$150+ (Unitrade \$100), realized \$115.50. Also very much in demand are the 1990 39¢ Legendary Creatures imperf blocks. Two were offered in this sale in lots 805-806.

## ELIZABETHAN MARKET REPORT CON'T.

Each was estimated at \$1500+ and lot 805 went to a bidder for \$1430 and lot 806 went to a happy bidder for \$1375. R. Maresch and Son's next sale is scheduled for March 19-20, 1996 and early indications are that a few specialized collections (Wilding coils), FDC's, and some 43¢ Flag coil imperf strips will be offered. The firm can be reached at 330 Bay Street, Suite 703, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2S8. Telephone (416) 363-7777 and fax (416) 363-6511.

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Montreal Stamp and Coin's auction on December 4-5, 1995 contained several interesting varieties and special items for the collector of Elizabethan material. Lot 1116 was an example of the many perforation varieties in the sale and featured a dramatic strip of three 1954 5¢ Wilding issue misperfed at an estimate of \$70. It sold for \$55.50 (all prices include the 11% buyer's fee). Another dramatic misperf was contained in lot 1119, a block of four of the 1957 5¢ UPU Congress issue, and the suggested estimate was \$75. It sold for a very close \$72.15. Two unusual Cameo issue lots followed in lots 1120-1121. Lot 1120 was an unusual offset on the 1963 1¢ Brown in a mint block, estimated at \$50. It went to a new home for \$38.85. Lot 1121 was an unusual misperfed corner block of the 1963 4¢ Carmine value. Estimated at \$60, it realized \$33.30.

A seldom-seen version of the 1963 \$1 Canadian Exports with a CPR perfin was shown in lot 1122 in used condition. It sold for \$27.75 against a \$50 estimate. A pre-printing paper crease on a 1965 5¢ Provincial Flowers block of four (top two stamps) was offered in lot 1124. Despite an estimate of \$75, the block sold for only \$44.40. Another misperf of the 1966 5¢ London Conference was sold in the form of a block of four. The auctioneers noted that only "one sheet [has been] reported" (lot 1125). Estimated at a rather high \$200, the block sold for \$55.50. Seven centre blocks of the 1970 6¢ Christmas issue were offered in lot 1136 with an estimate of \$262.50 (Scott Standard Catalogue value). It sold for a fair \$38.85.

Imperfs were also found in this sale and some were very reasonable. Lot 1149 contained an imperf pair of the 1979 17¢ Parliament issue and the catalogue/estimate was \$200. It reached \$61.05. An imperforate strip of three of the 1985 34¢ Parliament (lot 1150) sold for \$77.70 against a catalogue value of \$300. One of the most recent desirable errors was sold in lot 1155, a complete sheet of the 1992 42¢ Hologram issue with three damaged holograms with a V.G. Greene Foundation certificate. The sheet, with some light bends in the LR corner, was offered with an estimate of \$1500. It found a buyer for \$1221. A Canada '92 souvenir sheet (signed) was offered in lot 1154 at a catalogue of \$200. A fortunate buyer purchased it for \$49.95. Montreal Stamp and Coin's next sale will be held on March 12-13, 1996. It includes more nice items such as the 1973 R.C.M.P. Musical Ride imperf pairs, face lots, a 38¢ Regiments plate block, and a 43¢ Flag booklet with a freak mis-cut. The firm can be reached at 1870 Notre Dame West, Montreal, Quebec, H3J 1M6. Telephone (514) 846-0580 and fax (514) 846-7281.



SECTION III - CARICATURES & LANDSCAPES - A report from John Hillmer

stated he had picked up a cover to the United Kingdom franked with a 597iii. A quick check of Unitrade and there was no 597iii listed. Then comes a picture (in color) and he was reporting on a cover franked with the 25¢ Polar Bear variety known as the "Siamese Bears". Unitrade does report a "ii" so John did not have much choice but to add a "iii" to denote a major variety. This is a good example of where the Darnell catalogue does a superior job as the Siamese Bears are listed as 622d and are pictured. The cover was mailed from Hobbema,

Alberta in 1977 (day & month not quite clear) but well within period as the Siamese Bears come from Plate 3 which was released in April 1976. Even better, there is no indication of anything philatelic about this cover.



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SECTION IV - ENVIRONMENTS - The 60¢ Ontario Street Scene was issued late on May 11, 1982 and as a result has a high catalog number #931. Normal centering of this stamp has been a problem. In the top row the range of dark green engraved printing shifts range from (left) 1mm to the left to (center) 6mm to the left and (second left) has a 3mm shift to the left in background colors. A normal stamp is shown at the right. In the second row left to right has heavy inking, "Canada 60" offset, and a pair with left stamp measuring 38 1/2mm while the normal measures 36mm. This is due to a misperforation as the perforating did not meet in the center. The left tagging bar is completely inside the vertical perforations.





#### SECTION IV - ENVIRONMENTS CONT.

If you elect to specialize in any issue of stamps, especially a definitive series, one of the many questions you are faced with is what is the scope or range of the issue. It sounds pretty simple but it is not always the case. The decision becomes a bit critical if you plan to exhibit the series as one of the key decisions of the judges is whether or not your exhibit contains what is claimed to be exhibited on the title page. Yes, you may define exactly what you are exhibiting but just be sure the material in the frames talks to the definition.

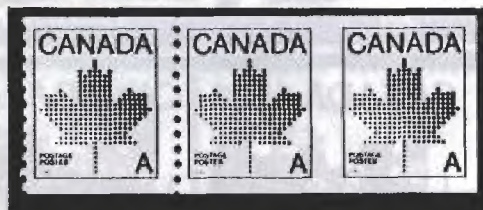
Generally it is not too difficult to tell when or where a series of stamps begins. This is not always true of when the series ends. The Environment Series is such a case. I generally use the domestic 1 ounce first class letter rate to define the range of the series. The environments started with dual stamps for the 1 ounce rate - the 12¢ Queen (713) and the 12¢ Parliament (714). With time the rate moved to 14¢ and 17¢ and then jumped to 30¢. The jump to 30¢ was signaled with the issuance of Canada's first (and to date only) alphabet stamp - the "A" stamps were issued on Dec. 29, 1981. Beginning in 1982 a new series of stamps started to appear. This series is known as the Artifacts and National Parks issues. Included in the series are new designs for the Queen and Parliament issues as they continue to cover the 1 ounce rate from 30¢ through 36¢. However, these new designs did not appear until mid-1985 and in the interim the 30¢ Maple Leaf (923) was released on May 11, 1982.

Clearly with the announcement of the 30¢ rate, a new series of stamps was launched. The announcement was on Dec. 29, 1981. The new series was launched on May 11, 1982 and the new designs for the Queen and Parliament did not appear until June/July 1985. In the interim the design for the Queen used for the Environment series was continued with new releases of a 30¢ stamp on May 11, 1982 and a 32¢ stamp on May 24, 1983.

My definition for the Environment Series includes the "A" stamps signaling the end of the series as well as the 30¢ and 32¢ Queen issues used to bridge the period until new series designs were released.

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The "A" stamp does provide some interesting varieties. Shown is a coil imperforate pair with a normal single at the left and a Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation certificate for one of the 15 known copies printed on gum side.



Nº 7025  
VINCENT GRAVES GREENE PHILATELIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
P.O. Box 100, First Canadian Place  
Toronto, Canada  
M5X 1B2

Member, A.I.E.P.

CERTIFICATE NO. 7025

DATE: May 30, 1995

COMMENTS: Canada Scott No. 907,  
variety printed on gummed  
side, Mint, genuine in  
all respects.

ISSUED TO:

SASKATOON STAMP CENTRE  
BOX 1870  
SASKATOON, SK. S7N 0S2  
CANADA

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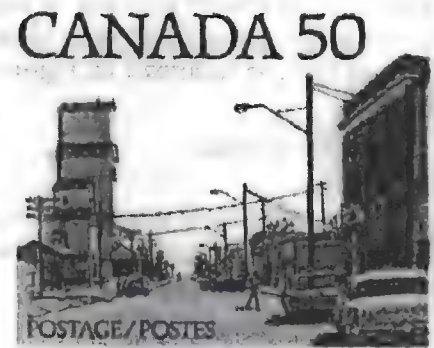


# Prairie Town Street Scene

by Robin Harris

The 50¢ Prairie Town street scene stamp first issued in 1978 is a great stamp to study. Two different printers printed it (each having very distinctive printing methods resulting in two major Scott catalogue numbers) and there are *three* very noticeable constant plate varieties — all of which *should* be listed in a catalogue but *are not*.

The stamp was first released on July 6, 1978, printed by the British American Bank Note (BABN) with a plate 1 inscription (panes of 50 — 5 columns by 10 rows). The BABN uses photogravure printing. This method of printing typically results in a mottled (fuzzy) appearance. They printed a total of 8,650,000<sup>1</sup> stamps — this is scott# 723.

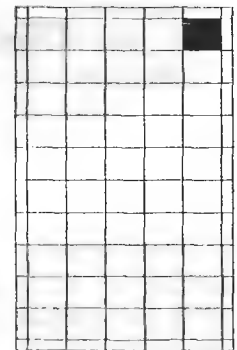
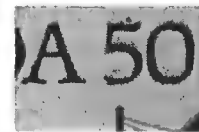


On December 13, 1978 the stamp was released a second time. However, the Canadian Bank Note (CBN) did this printing with a plate 2 inscription. The CBN uses lithography printing. This method of printing typically results in a solid appearance of the colours. On April 6, 1981, a third printing was released, also printed by CBN, with a plate 3 inscription. A total of 85,250,000<sup>1</sup> stamps were printed by the CBN — this is scott 723A.

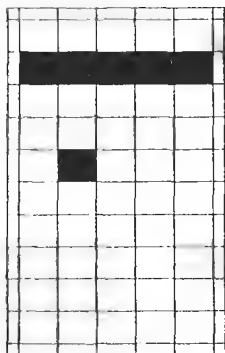
As you study these stamps, you will learn to sort the stamps by their appearance (the grain elevator on the BABN printing appears “orangy” while on the CBN printings it appears “browner”). It does take a bit of practising but once spotted, is very noticeable. Another method of determining whom the printer is can be found in the location of the “hidden date.” On the BABN printing, the date is found on the door of the grain elevator, reading up; on the CBN printings, the date is found on the license plate of the car in the foreground. [One prominent Canadian catalogue suggests that this is a constant plate variety when in fact it is a normal design element!] Notice that there were approximately *ten times* as many CBN stamps printed.

## Plate Varieties

What about the constant plate varieties? This is what the used accumulator loves to search for! The BABN printing (sc 723) has one: a red dot appears above the ‘5’ in ‘50’ on stamp 5 (row 1/column 5, Thirkell: top of A8) of the pane (see Figure 1 — the light grey shading is the position of the inscriptions; the dark grey is the position of the variety), occurring on about half of the panes<sup>2</sup> — this happens to fall in the upper right plate block. Since there are 50 stamps per pane and this variety occurs on about every other pane, that is a 1 in 100 ratio for this variety — with a total printing of 8.65 million stamps, that would result in about 86,500 stamps with the variety (not a very large number).



The CBN printing (sc 723A) has *two* constant plate varieties. When I studied these stamps upon their issue, I spotted a constant variety that occurs on *all* five stamps in the second horizontal row of *every* pane of both plate 2 and plate 3<sup>3</sup>! (see Figure 2). There is a square colour of brown appearing on the rear bumper under and just to the right of the tail light of the car in the foreground (UL of 110). I have dubbed this variety the “dented bumper.”



I purchased mint blocks of 15 (5x3) from the top of both plates while these stamps were current to confirm the varieties' position [the occurrence of this plate variety is similar to the famous Krieghoff flaw in 1972]. Spotting a constant variety before anyone else has found it is quite a thrill! This variety occurs with a 1 in 10 ratio and with many stamps printed, it is quite common (there should be 8.525 million, nearly as many as the entire BABN printing). Due to its position, the two upper plate blocks will contain this variety (twice in four stamps).



Fig. 2, Plate 2 & 3 (CBN)

Fig. 1, Plate 1 (BABN)

A second constant variety appears on the CBN stamp<sup>4</sup>. The man walking across the street appears with a very large spot of black on his shirt (as if he is wearing a heavy sweater). Based on the relative quantity of used examples found (see below), this variety must occur at only one position on *both* plates 2 and 3. It is found on stamp 22 (row 5/column 2, Thirkell: H7)<sup>5</sup>, as indicated in Figure 2.



## Scarcity/Value

Based upon the total number of stamps printed and the relative nature of the varieties, one can make projections on what the value of each stamp should be — what the catalogue lists is another matter!

We will make the assumption that the CBN printing (having the largest quantity printed) is valued at 10¢ for a *used* copy. The table at the right shows the resulting calculations and a count of my inventory of 734 specimens from all plates.

Scott	Description	Relative factor	Projected Used \$	Actual catalogue <sup>6</sup> used \$	Inventory	
					Count	Factor
723 BABN	plate 1	10	1.00	0.25	35	5%
	red dot above '5'	1000 (1 in 100)	100.00	—	1	—
723A CBN	plates 2-3	1	0.10	0.25	622	95%
	dented bumper	10 (1 in 10)	1.00	—	64	1 in 11
	black sweater	50 (1 in 50)	5.00	—	12	1 in 58

A couple of observations:

- ❖ notice that the catalogue<sup>6</sup> actually prices the two major printings at the same price, even though the CBN plates had *10 times* as many stamps printed as the BABN plate!
- ❖ I doubt if anyone would *pay* \$100 for a used copy of the red dot above '5' variety — the scarcity of the variety should command this price but there is probably very little demand for a relatively unspectacular constant plate variety.
- ❖ the dented bumper variety is as common as the "normal" BABN, plate 1 printing.
- ❖ the inventory counts of the dented bumper and black sweater varieties prove the position occurrence of the variety on the sheets as noted in this article.

Printing totals: BABN (sc 723) — 8.65 million (9.2%); CBN (sc 723A) — 85.25 million (90.8%)

## Errors

The CBN printing can also be found with the brown inscriptions missing (\$2500 mint) or with a complete doubling of the brown inscriptions (\$750 mint)<sup>5</sup>. Printing shifts of the engraved printing are plentiful; some of the more dramatic shifts can produce captivating results.

The BABN printing is also known *untagged* (\$40 used); the CBN printing can be found with 1-bar tagging (\$60-100 used). *Perfins* from the CN railroad are known on both the BABN and CBN printings<sup>7</sup>.

1. Printing totals as reported in *The Canadian Philatelist*, Vol 42, #5 (Sept-Oct, 1991), page 403.
2. I believe this was reported in a series of articles authored by Leopold Beaudet and published in the RPSC journal, *The Canadian Philatelist*, in the mid 1980's but I have not been able to find the exact issue.
3. Found and reported by the author, Robin Harris of Winnipeg, in 1981.
4. Reported by Elmer Von Hagen of Winnipeg: Jan/Feb 95 *Corgi Times* and Sep/Oct 95 *Corgi Times*.
5. John D. Arn, editor of *The Corgi Times*, recently obtained a full pane of plate 3, verifying the position of the 'black sweater' variety.
6. *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*.
7. *Canadian Tagged Errors and Tagged Perfins*, by Ken Rose, 1995 Edition.



## PLANNING CALENDAR

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian Dealers. Minimum listing criteria: Two day event; 1000 page exhibition - 18 Dealer Bourse with 50% offering Canadian material. The Goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

### 1996

- Mar. 15-17, Edmonton Spring National, Conference Centre,  
Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall, Info: John Powell,  
Box 399, Edmonton, Alta, T5J 2J6
- May 4-5, ORAPEX '96, Info: Chairman, ORAPEX '96 Organizing  
Committee, c/o RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario,  
Canada K1H 7X7
- May 17-19, PIPEX '96, Info: Salem Stamp Society, P. O. Box 202,  
Salem, OR 97308
- June 8-16, CAPEX '96, the Metropolitan Convention Centre, Toronto.  
Info: CAPEX '96, Box 204, Station Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2M1
- Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, BNAPEX '96, Ft. Worth, Texas. Sponsored by the  
Prairie Beavers. Info: Jeff Switt, 4005 East Lancaster, Fort  
Worth, TX 76103
- Oct. 5-6, VICPEX 1996, Holiday Inn, 3020 Blanshard St., Victoria, BC.  
Info: Show Chairman, Box 5164, Stn. B, Victoria, BC V8R 6NR

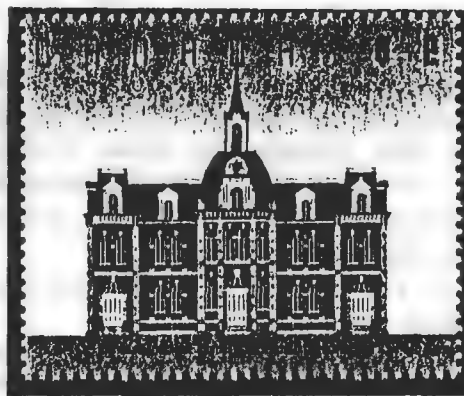
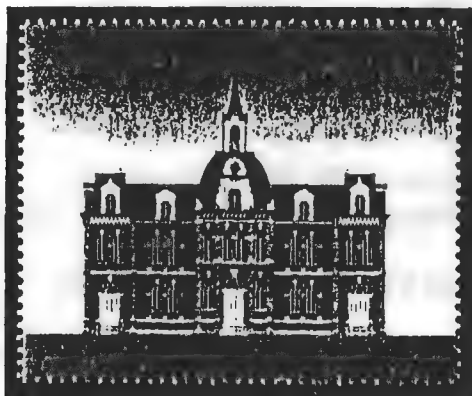
### 1997

- May 29 - June 8, PACIFIC '97, San Francisco, CA  
(For a list of commissioners see Vol. IV, No. 2, page 24)
- Aug. 28-30, BNAPEX '97, St. John's, Newfoundland. Sponsored by the  
St. John's Stamp Club. Info: J. Donald Wilson, 11 Elm Place, St.  
John's, NF A1B 2S4

## EDITOR'S FIVE STAR RECOMMENDATION

A few years ago the individual manufacturing 2" corner mounts passed away. From all that I have been able to determine the equipment he was **using** in the manufacture of the mounts was at best considered a relic **and was** destroyed. Since then I have tried some twelve different types of corner mounts. Most do work although some leave quite a bit to be desired. No matter, there is now a solution. A firm known as PSP, Milwaukee, WI is now manufacturing a mount labeled "2" JUMBO CORNER MOUNTS". Production has been limited and **distribution**, as far as I can determine, has also been pretty much **limited** to the mid-west. Recently, there has been a break through. Gopher Supply Company, Ltd., 2499 Rice Street, Suite #132, Roseville, MN 55113 is now stocking the mounts. There are a 100 to the package. In particular I recommend them for mounting exhibits. Their fit and appearance cannot be beat. I am not sure Gopher has set final pricing. Write for further information.

by: John Jamieson.



**This incredible error, from a sheet of 25 discovered in Cambridge, Ontario, is completely missing the DARK GREEN inscriptions. "CANADA \$2/ PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL/ ECOLE NORMALE PROVINCIALE/TRURO"**

How many are there? Originally, a total of 43 copies of this error were known, 18 copies were saved from a pane of 25 found in Newfoundland (3 of these were badly creased) plus the pane of 25 which we acquired. Certainly a rare and dramatic Canadian error. We knew these were printed in sheets of 100 (4 panes of 25), so we thought there might be others still to be reported. I would have been amazed if anyone coming across a full sheet with no denominations would have used them up. In fact, I was amazed 7 copies from the Newfoundland sheet had been used before being noticed by the postal clerks.

We have subsequently heard a portion of a 3rd sheet has been sold to an eastern dealer. Although we do not know what shape they are in, or how many were saved. We are assuming all are in good shape and that all 25 have been saved. That brings the total reported to 65 sound copies.

The 4th pane? There is a reasonable chance someone is sitting on the 4th pane of 25. If it was found by a conscientious postal employee it may have already been returned to Ottawa as "defective". Regardless, if the pane is in private hands the maximum possible total of these would be 90 sound copies (and the 3 creased ones). With Leigh-Marden out of the picture there will be no more \$2 Truro Missing Colour errors on the Leigh-Marden printings.

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NEXT, MORE ABOUT THE 2¢ WILD STRAWBERRY - SCOTT # 1451

In Vol. III, No. 3, page 45 Eppe Bosch reported on "Bugs" in the strawberries on the 2<sup>nd</sup> wild strawberry (Scott # 1451). Now we have an update on his continuing study of this issue.

In my previous report the "Bugs" were all located on the first printing by Ashton Potter on Coated paper and were all located in Column 8. There

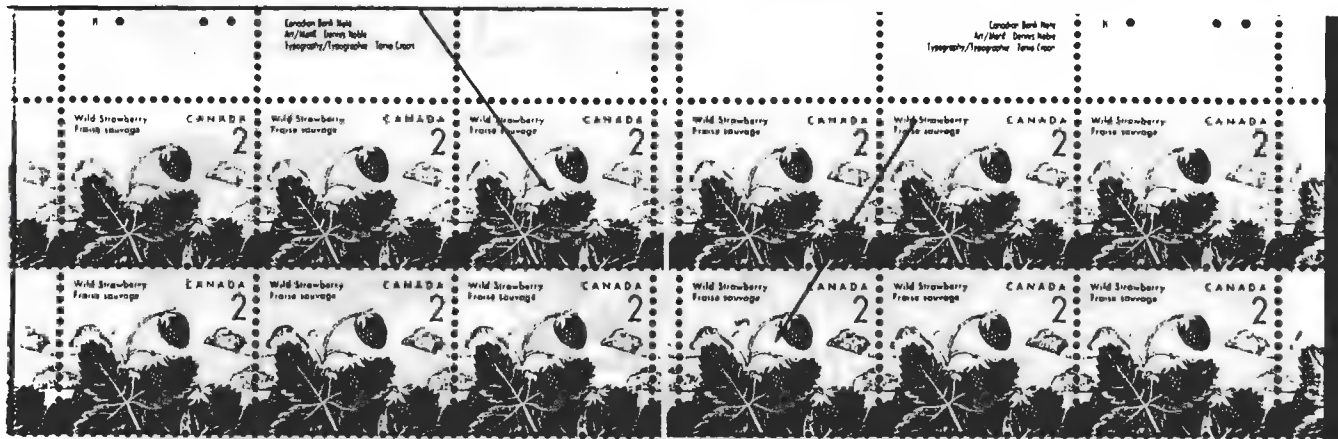


## SECTION VIII - EDIBLE BERRIES, FRUIT TREES, ETC. CON'T

have been two subsequent printings. The second printing by Canadian Bank Note on Harrison paper has one "Bug" on the top center berry at Thirkell position E5. In addition, while the "Bugs" have totally disappeared from Column 8, we now have a pair of "Thorns" on the lower center branch (Thirkell position D4) of all stamps in column 8 except Row 1.

The third printing by Canadian Bank Note on Coated paper also has the "Bug" at Row ~~1~~, Column ~~3~~ and the "Thorns" in Column 8, Rows 2 through 10. *Rows 1-10, column 3*

Was there a plate problem with Column 8? or, are the Thorns a piece of stray material? Their occurrence is much like the break in the leg of the "A" in column 1 of all panes of the John McCrea stamp. I would enjoy hearing from anyone with additional input on these findings or with information on varieties on other values in this definitive series.



BUG THORN R2-R10  
NOT VISIBLE WITH A  
VISIBLE GOOD GLASS

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# WANTED

## STAMPS

## COVERS

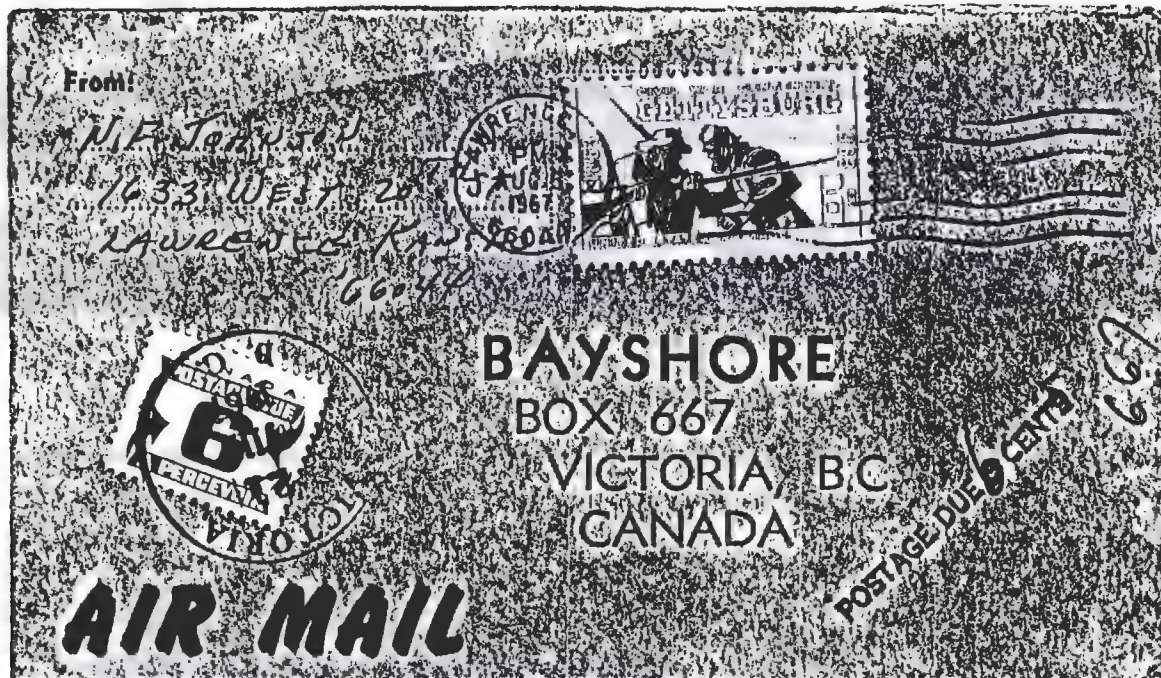


A surprise for anyone responding to this AD if you have varieties of any of these stamps either mint or used as well as same on covers - especially unique due to variety, use or destination. John D. Arn, N17708 Saddle Hill Rd., Colbert, WA 99005 2/95

## SECTION IX - ALL OTHER - POSTAGE DUES

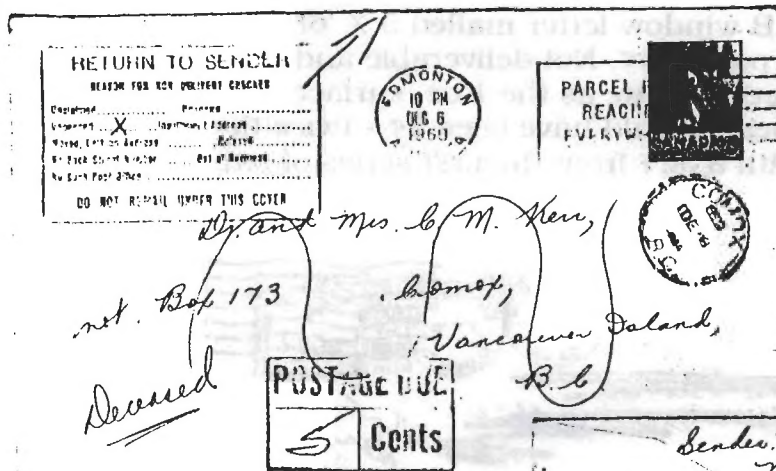
When you head for a bourse with specific objectives in mind you often find when you get back home that entirely different material was acquired. Such was the case at the Great Western Stamp Show. I went looking for items for the three one frame exhibits I am working on and came back with some nice "red dues" covers.

Nice busy cover. Air mail from Cristobal, Canal Zone to Halifax, Nova Scotia Nov. 27, 1968 tied with #108 Canal Zone 10¢. Delivery attempted twice - new address noted - assessed 10¢ due which was twice the 5¢ deficiency on the 1 oz. air mail rate of 15¢. Postage due paid with a J27 from the first series of the red dues.

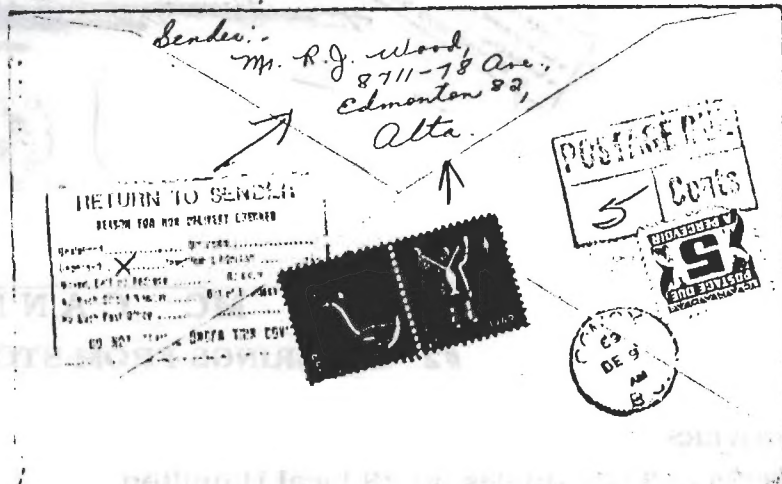


Another border crossing cover. Mailed air mail from Lawrence, Kansas on Aug. 16, 1967 to Victoria, BC. Franked with a #1180 United States 5¢ battle of Gettysburg and assessed 6¢ due which was twice the deficiency of 3¢ on the 1 oz. 8¢ air mail rate. The 6¢ due was paid with a J26 from the first series of red dues and was tied with a circular Victoria 21 VIII 1967 date stamp.

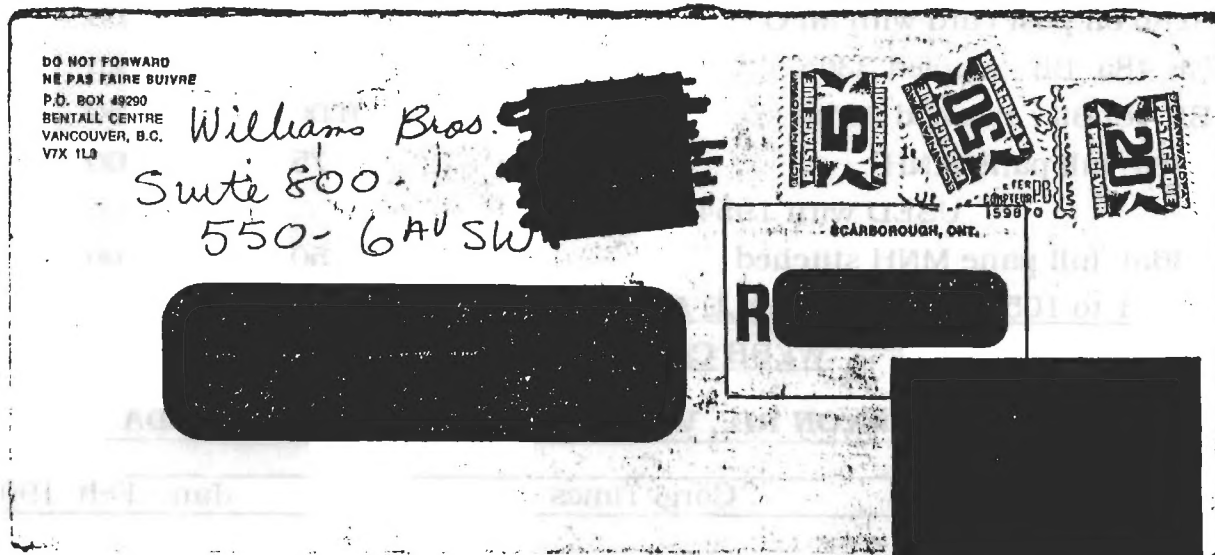




Edmonton, AB to Vancouver Island, BC, Dec. 6, 1969 with 5¢ 1969 Christmas stamp. Marked "Deceased" return to sender with block "Postage Due 5 Cents" repeated on reverse and 5¢ due (J25) barely tied with "COMOX Dec. 9 69 BC" circular date stamp.

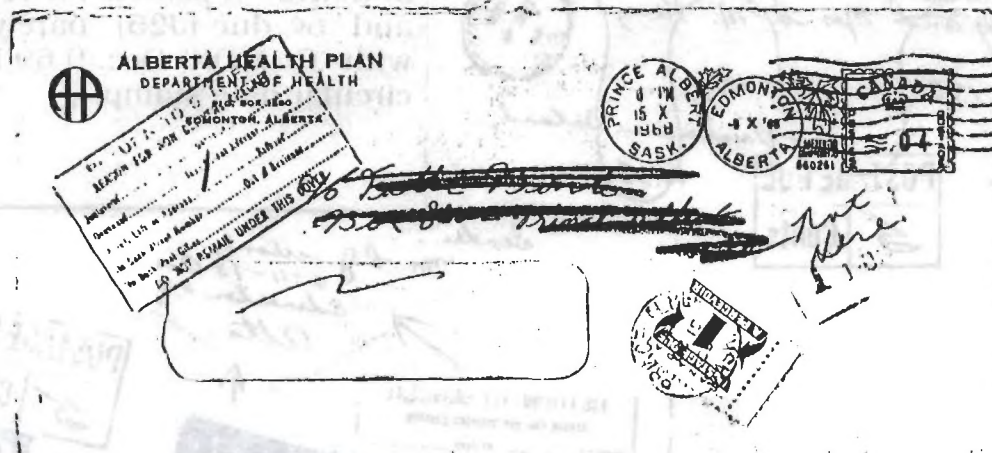


Registered Vancouver, BC corner card window envelope mailed from Calgary, AB 19 IX 79 using a meter. (Metered amount not visible). On 27 IX 79 "Request for Additional Delivery" "FEE 75¢" (Dark rectangle lower right corner) paid by three red postage due stamps. All three stamps, J32, J38 & J40 are from the fourth series. The blacked out block in the upper center was a green P. O. record sticker with "25 IX 79" + printed "26B" + written "1536" -the P. O. assigned article number.



# SECTION IX - RED DUES (CON'T)

Alberta Health Plan, Edmonton, AB window letter mailed 9 X '68 to Prince Albert, Sask. using a meter paying 4¢. Not deliverable and was returned to sender. Rated incorrectly 1¢ due as the 1 oz. surface domestic rate was 5¢ and assessment should have been 2¢ - twice the deficiency. The 1¢ due was paid with a J21 from the first series of red dues.



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Eppe Bosch, E. 618 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA. 99202  
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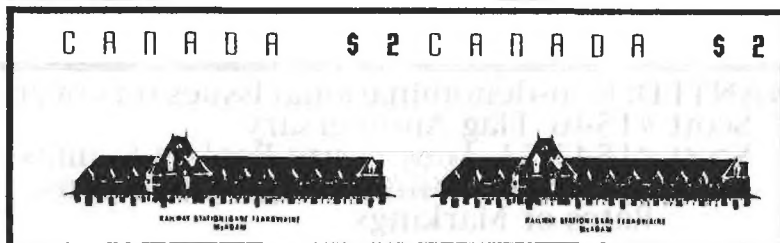
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